



Welcome back!

The Kimberley, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand... As *Le Soléal* joins *Le Lapérouse* in Australian waters in May, there are now even more options for close to home exploration in 2022!

Wild Landscapes of Kimberley & South East Asia

Broome to Bali

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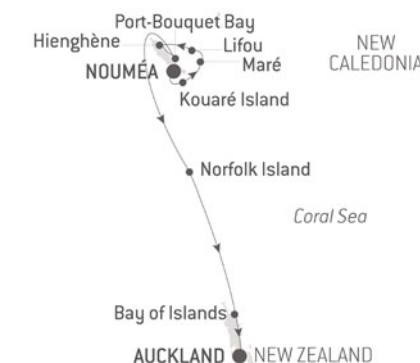


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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a cover page from **Ponant**.

Welcome back Aus!

PONANT is welcoming Australians back to the Kimberley, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and NZ.

With *Le Soleal* having joined *Le Laperouse* in Australian waters, there are now even more options for close-to-home exploration this year.

A highlight of Ponant's 2022 local season is the 'Wild Landscapes of Kimberley & South East Asia' from Broome to Bali, which travels for 14 nights aboard *Le Laperouse*.

Another is the 10-night 'Ancient Culture of Papua New Guinea' - see the **cover page** for more itineraries.

Disney Cruise Line looks Down Under

EXCLUSIVE

THE rapid expansion of the Disney Cruise Line fleet is likely to mean significantly more focus for the brand on the Australian cruise market, according to Disney Vice President of Marketing & Sales International Jeff van Langeveld.

Disney currently operates four vessels: *Disney Dream*, *Disney Magic*, *Disney Wonder* and *Disney Fantasy*, with anticipation at fever pitch for the fifth vessel, the newbuild *Disney Wish* (pictured) which joins the fleet next month.

Another two ships are on order for delivery in 2024 and 2025, with the expansion effectively doubling Disney's capacity, Van Langeveld told **Cruise Weekly** in the United States yesterday.

"Australia and New Zealand are big cruise markets with a strong affinity for Disney, so naturally that's going to be a big focus for us going forward," he said.



While the majority of the Disney fleet operates in the Caribbean and Bahamas, one ship is deployed on the US West Coast, cruising to Mexico and Alaska, making it more accessible to the local market, while *Disney Dream* will cruise in Europe in 2023.

More destinations and new itineraries will also be on the radar as the Disney fleet expands, van Langeveld said, hinting at

the possibility of closer-to-home voyages for Australians at some stage in the future.

"We will need to expand beyond our current itineraries and markets," he confirmed.

Interestingly, van Langeveld also said many of the line's passengers were new-to-cruise clients, with the strong Disney brand driving interest in a holiday at sea among first-time cruisers.



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JAPAN is currently trialling a deep ocean turbine, which could hopefully offer limitless renewable energy.

According to reporting from *Bloomberg*, the invention features two counter-rotating turbine fans which are suspended above the sea floor at a depth of between 30 and 50 metres.

The country is speculating this device could potentially generate as much as 200 gigawatts of reliable energy - the equivalent of 60% of its present generating capacity, which is great news for the fossil fuel-reliant nation.

Glaciers & Geishas

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Seabourn all back

THE full Seabourn Cruise Line fleet has returned to sailing, with the resumption of *Seabourn Sojourn* in Greece after a 26-month pause.

An eastern Mediterranean itinerary kicks off the season, with *Sojourn* to operate in the Mediterranean and the Canary Islands through to until Nov, then moving to the Caribbean before embarking on a 140-night world cruise in Jan.

Seabourn is also anticipating the upcoming launch of its new *Seabourn Venture*, the line's sixth vessel and its first purpose-built expedition ship.

Silversea Kimberley

SILVERSEA Cruises has this week resumed its Australian operations, with a 10-day *Silver Explorer* voyage from Darwin departing on Sat.

The cruise is the first of eight Kimberley voyages for *Explorer* during the 2022 season, with the departures almost sold out.

Later this year *Silver Muse* will return to Australia, followed by *Silver Whisper's* arrival in Auckland in early 2023, while *Silver Shadow* will depart Sydney for the line's 2023 World Cruise in early Jan next year.

CPH cruise app



A NEW smartphone application released by Copenhagen Malmo Port (CMP) is helping cruise tourists navigate the destination.

Providing a personalised guide and interactive map, 'Cruise City' features attractions, experiences, restaurants, and events, based on the user's ship, interests, and time on shore.

The free app also highlights sustainable and eco-friendly choices, promoting the use of public transport, bicycles and walking, while helping to avoid congestion around sights.

It is continuously updated and carefully curated with sights, experiences, events, and tips & tricks specifically for cruise guests' needs, based on ratings, reviews and recommendations from users.

"Cruise City is built to view the city with the eyes of a cruise passenger, that struggles with limited time, city navigation and way too many possibilities to find the best choices of their stay," said CMP's Cruise Sales Director Henrik Ahlqvist.

Viking victory

VIKING'S limited-time offers, available until the end of the month, have thus far resulted in record Europe river cruise sales for the company.

Demand for the river cruise sailings, many of which are still available, is as strong as it has been since the start of the pandemic, with sales more than doubling since the campaign launched, as travellers snap up the opportunity to travel again and explore Europe for less.

A large percentage of bookings have come via travel advisors, with the trade reminded self-famil spots are still up for grabs on a Viking European River cruise in 2022.

The first 100 agents to make two or more new twin share or single supplement reservations before the end of the month for any Viking Europe river cruise this year will win a complimentary stateroom on a select eight-day 2022 river cruise in the continent.

Viking's limited-time offers are available for new bookings on its three most popular Europe river journeys.

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